



February 5, 2020

Dear Parents,

This week's newsletter has important information regarding next year's tuition and scholarship opportunities. Please talk to me if you have questions, ideas, compliments 😊, or concerns.

Tuition, Fees and Scholarships for the 2020/2021 School Year

Expenses:

- Tuition : \$1,750.00 per child for the first three children in a family. Subsequent children - no cost.
- Technology fee: \$225.00 per child. (This is a new requirement mandated by the Diocese.)
- Total: \$1,975.00 per child for the first three children in a family. Subsequent children - no cost.

Stay Calm: There is big help in the form of scholarships for those who need it.

Payment Plans:

If able to pay:

- Please pay \$1,975.00. We are grateful if you do so. \$1,975.00 is still only 45% of the total cost of education (\$4,364.89) for each child. Your fellow parishioners cover the rest.

If this is a hardship to pay:

- Apply for the Good Shepherd Scholarship using the FACTS application.
- Those who qualify will receive \$1,300.00 toward your tuition payment and \$225.00 toward your technology fee. If financial help is still needed in paying the remaining \$450.00 per child, the Sacred Heart Scholarship will assist according to financial need.
- Those who apply and do not qualify for the Good Shepherd Scholarship will receive a Sacred Heart Scholarship to an amount determined by financial need not to exceed an increase of \$200.00 in total family tuition from this current year. These families will need, however, to pay the technology fee.
- No one will be turned away from St. James due to lack of finances.
- All families **must** either pay the full amount or apply for the Good Shepherd scholarship. All who apply will either receive a Good Shepherd Scholarship, a Sacred Heart Scholarship, or possibly both.

How to Apply:

- Apply at school during Parent Teacher conferences on Thursday, February 13. We will have staff in the computer room from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, from 1:00 – 5:00 pm, and from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. to assist you.
- You will need your 2018 or 2019 income tax forms.
- Apply at home. Go to the St. James School Website, scroll down and look for the Good Shepherd Scholarship application link. You will need your 2018 or 2019 income tax forms.
- We would like to have our applications finished by the end of the day on Thursday, February 13 if possible.

In the Heart of Christ the King,
Sister Mary Alma, C.K.

Strategic Planning Open Forum Meeting: St. James Catholic School will host the second Strategic Plan Open Forum Meeting on **March 3, 2020 at 7:30pm** in the school cafeteria. The Strategic Planning Team is working on the St. James Strategic Plan and we need your help! We would like to give our parishioners and school parents an opportunity to provide input during the process of developing the Strategic Plan. We will host several Open Forum Meetings and we encourage everyone to attend. Your input will be invaluable to creating a long term vision for the school. *For more information, please contact our Strategic Planning Coordinator Eva Fujan at efujan@yahoo.com*

Kindergarten Preview: Kindergarten Preview is on Wednesday, February 12 from 5:00 – 6:00 PM. This evening is for children who hope to attend Kindergarten next fall and their parents. Children must be five years of age by July 31 to enter Kindergarten. Come join us to learn more about St. James Kindergarten program and to meet your child's teacher! Veteran parents, if you have been happy with St. James School, please tell your friends about us.

Parent Teacher Conferences: Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, February 13 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm- 5:00 pm, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Please call the office or stop in to schedule your time. Use the time before or after your conference to apply for the Good Shepherd Scholarship in our Media Center. Staff will be on hand to assist.

Catholic Schools Week: Thank you to the St. James SFA and all parents for helping make last week's Catholic Schools Week such a happy one. From the Opening Mass, the Pancake Breakfast and roller skating at the beginning of the week to Eucharistic adoration and field trip to the new Crete Public library at the end, it was a fabulous celebration of Catholic education.

SCRIP: SCRIP sales are very important for St. James School! Please remember to use SCRIP for your gas, grocery, and other shopping needs.

School Closings: St. James School will follow the Crete Public Schools for school closings and late start days due to dangerous weather conditions. Call School Closing (402) 826-7890 or, in Spanish, School Closing: (402) 826-7888. If the message says that Crete Public Schools are closed or have a late start due to inclement weather, know that the same is true for St. James School. Our announcement will also be on KLKN-TV Channel 8 and KOLN.KGIN TV Channel 10/11.

COMING HOME: Tuition envelopes, Scrip order forms, Good Shepherd Scholarship flier, Crete Diamonds flier, Crete Youth baseball flier, Crete Youth Soccer flier.

Upcoming February Dates:

- 12 Kindergarten Preview 5:00 – 6:00 pm
Mid-term reports for grade 5 and 6 come home
Spelling Bee for Grades 5 and 6
- 13 Parent Teacher Conferences 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm- 5:00 pm, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm.
- 14 No School. Enjoy the long weekend.
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- 26 Ash Wednesday - Lent begins
Look for information on the Calendar Lottery
- 29 First Penance 10:00 am